

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

E. G. Benton's Shoe Store

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

(125) South side of Water Street

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☒ OTHER: vacant

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

William R. Wilson III

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

105 N. Liberty Street

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21617**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Queen Anne's County CourthouseLiber #: MWM 164Folio #: 491

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

QA-417

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | DATE 1908 |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small frame building was originally located on the northeast corner of Water Street and Liberty Street, and was used by Enoch George Benton as a shoe store. In 1909, Benton constructed a new two story brick store, and the old building was moved across Water Street by Harry Chambers, who placed it on the rear of his lot on Liberty Street.

Of frame construction, the original building is 15 feet wide and 18 feet deep, with the gable end turned to the street, facing north. There is a double door in the center of this wall flanked by one 1/1 window on either side. A circular opening above the door in the center of the gable was covered over when the early weatherboard siding was covered with wood shingles. There are no openings on the west wall. Two windows in the east wall have been covered from the inside and are fitted on the outside with handsome 19th century paneled shutters. These have flush panels with beaded edges. ^{the} Roof is low in pitch, constructed with reused lumber and nailed with machine nails. It is covered with corrugated metal roofing. The

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499 | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small shop building was originally located on the northeast corner of Water and Liberty Street and was used as a shoe store by Enoch George Benton. When Benton constructed a new brick store with a decorative tin front (QA-318), the old store was moved across Water Street by Harry Chambers. The primary significance of the building lies in its association with E. G. Benton and as an example of a small, modest commercial building that must have been relatively common in the 19th century, but has all but disappeared today. The paneled exterior shutters on the east wall are the only details of architectural significance.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

10/8/80

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

Field Notebook QA-XIII; Recorded November 1, 1979.

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.1 DESCRIPTION

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that is also carried up the gable eaves.

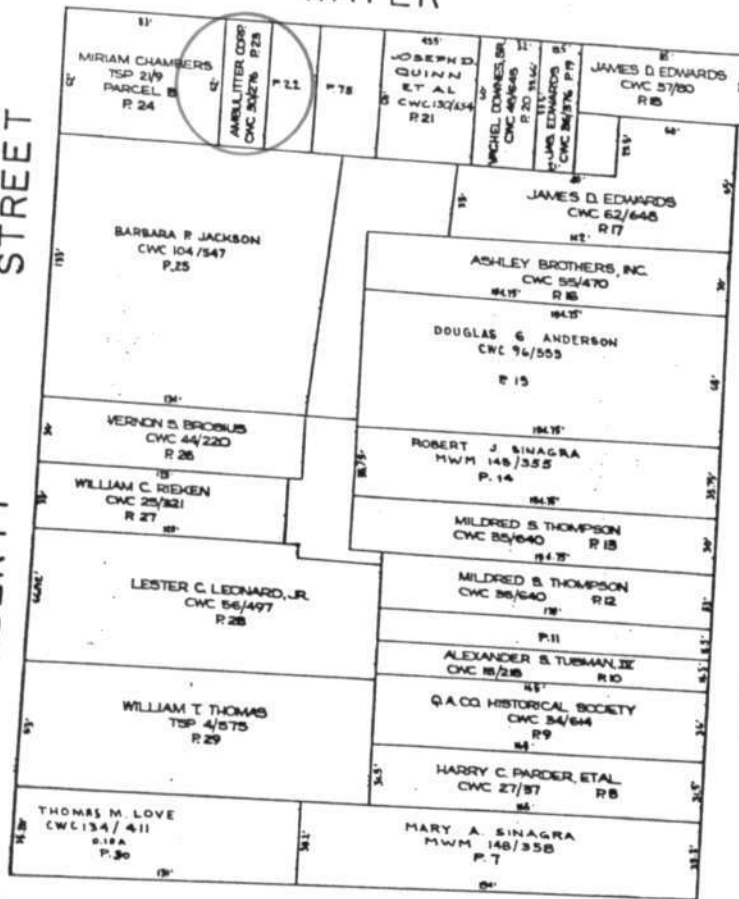
QA-417 ORIGINAL BENTON SHOE SHOP

WATER

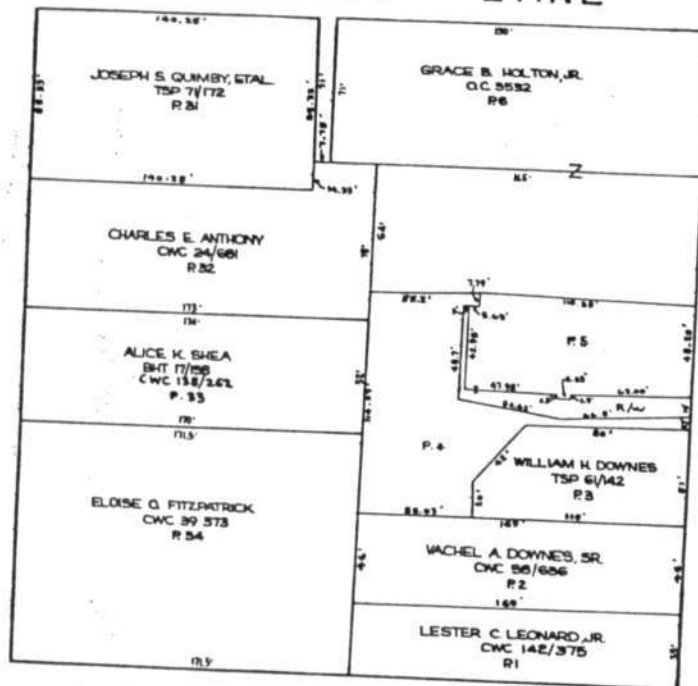
STREET

LIBERTY STREET

STREET

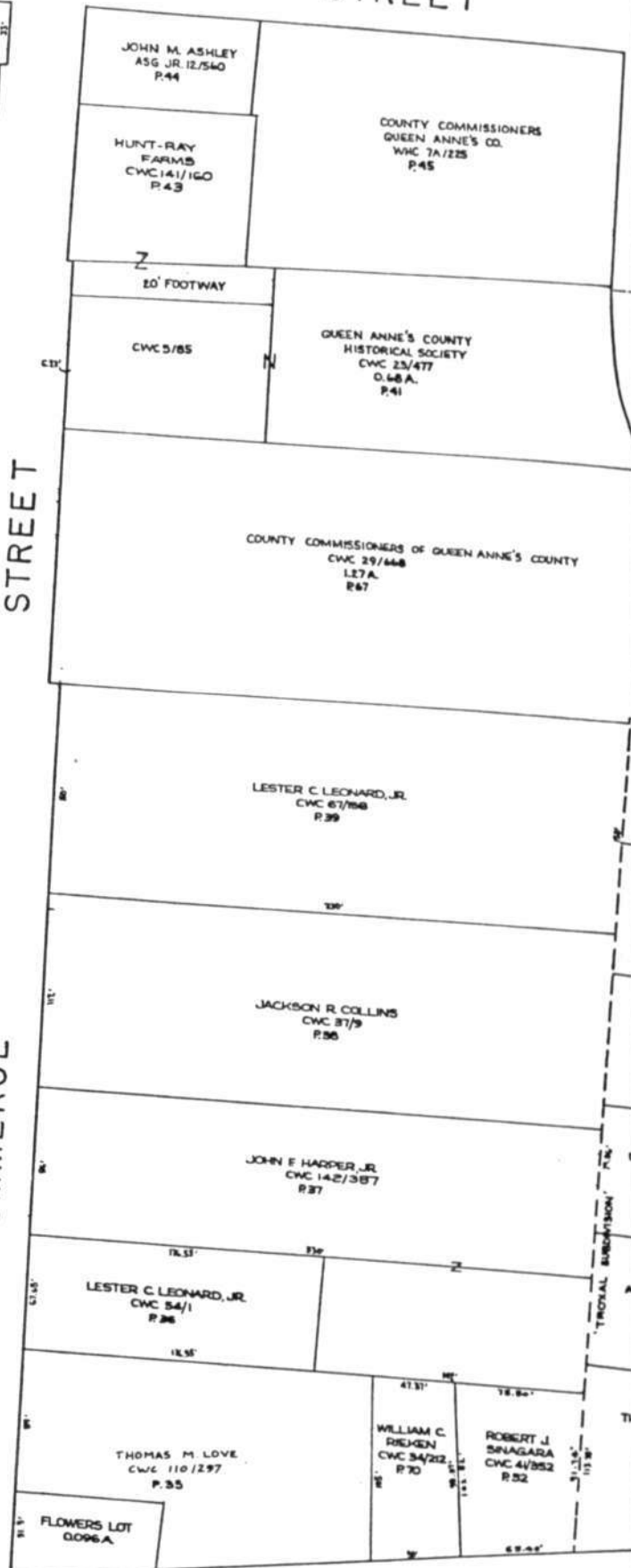


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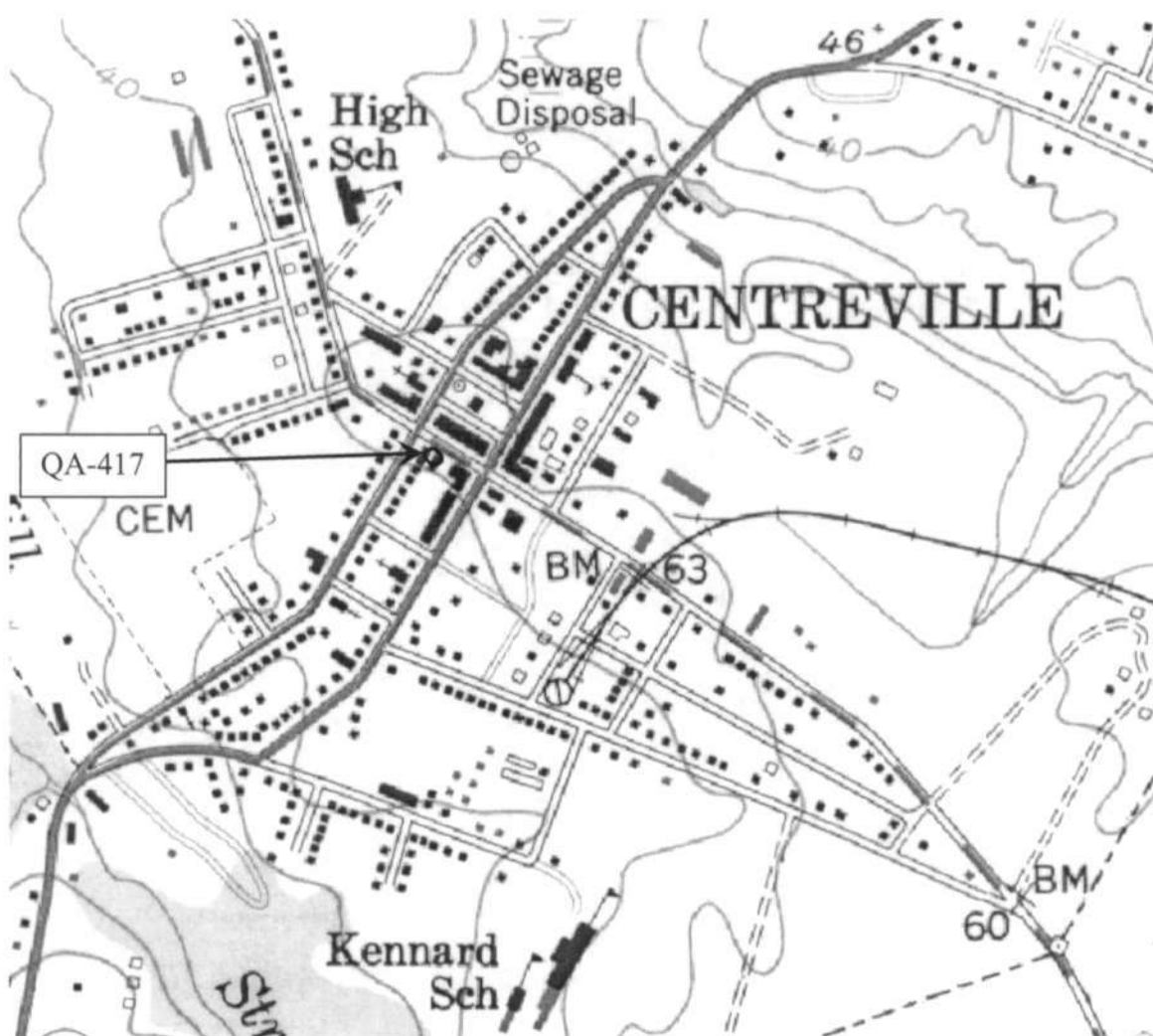
CHURCH LANE

COMMERCE STREET



KIDWELL STREET

QA-417
E. G. Benton's Shoe Store
Water St.
Centreville
Centreville Quad.
Queen Anne's Co.





QA-417

Original Benton Shoe Shop
Water Street
Centreville, Maryland
Orlando Ridout V 1980
View from Northeast



PARKING
TO
LOAD-UNLOAD
ONLY
NO PARKING
8AM TO 9AM
3PM TO 4PM

SOLD
Stafford
Clements
301-478-3504

QA-417 Original Benton Shoe Shop
 Water Street
 Centreville, Maryland
 Orlando Ridout V 1980
 View from Northeast
 west
